



# No. 9 News

## Ninth District Office

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## Legislative Update

As the Chair of Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, when I read the April 5, 2010 article in the Courier-Journal (<http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/201004050300/NEWS01/4050323>) regarding Police Officers court attendance, I invited Bruce McMichael from the Metro Criminal Justice Commission, Ingrid Geiser from the County Attorney's Office and Lt Col Robison with Metro Police to update our committee on their progress. After more than an hour of testimony and questioning our committee learned that a number of changes have been made since March 2009. Better communication between all agencies involved including Metro Police, County Attorney, Circuit Court Clerk, Sheriff's office and others has dramatically reduced cases being dismissed due to officers failing to appear in court. In addition, recently a contract with Orion Corporation for \$453,000 was awarded to begin an e-subpoena system which will even further minimize the errors that occur that contribute to the dismissal of cases. Members of the committee urged these officials to partner with the Metro Council when they have identified solutions in the hopes that we could support meeting those needs. Clearly any case being dismissed for lack of an officer showing up is one too many so we need to constantly focus on improving our system. I am confident when they come back before our committee in six months for an update we will see even more improvement.

## LMPD 5<sup>th</sup> Division Update

On March 27<sup>th</sup> LMPD conducted twenty-one (21) home visits in the Ninth District to registered sex offenders and felony subjects on probation. As a result of those home visits four (4) arrests were made. Also, on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> LMPD responded to a shooting in the 1800 block of Frankfort Avenue. The incident appears to be an isolated domestic-violence related accident. The only suspect was arrested! THANK YOU LMPD for working hard to keep our district safe!

## Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy

The Olmsted Parks Conservancy is asking for public contributions totaling \$150,000 by a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline in order to fund a tree-restoration program focusing in Seneca and Cherokee parks. To date they have raised \$45,000 – they need \$105,000 to reach their goal! Help Olmsted raise funds to stop invasive vines and plants from growing and damaging native vegetation in the Parks. A program called Save Our Trees Woodlands-Restoration began in 2006 and money that has been raised has been used to remove invasive bush honeysuckle and to plant 4,000 new trees. The Olmsted will receive a grant amount of \$900,000 if it reaches its full fundraising goal. For information about the non-profit Olmsted Parks Conservancy and on donating to the woodlands-restoration project, call 456-8125, or visit [www.olmstedparks.org](http://www.olmstedparks.org).

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## Thunder Over Louisville this Saturday!

If you are planning to attend the Thunder Over Louisville festivities be sure to be safe, smart and GREEN! You might want to ride your bike or take the bus downtown to avoid traffic this year. FREE bike parking is available at the Northeast corner of Witherspoon Street and Preston Street across from Slugger Field. The bike facility will open at 11:00 am and will close at 11:00 pm. If you are planning to drive please see the attached list of street closures and no parking areas. Also, check out the official Thunder Over Louisville website for a schedule of events, <http://www.thunderoverlouisville.org/>. If you are looking for an alternative then head to Eva Bandman Park, 1701 River Road, with your RV or tent. Metro Parks is selling weekend passes. For more information visit, [http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/News/2010/bandman\\_thunder\\_parking.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/News/2010/bandman_thunder_parking.htm).

## Ninth District Events!



Below are some Ninth District calendar events! To view a full listing of events please visit the **Ninth District Blog** at <http://district9news.wordpress.com/>.

If you would like to submit events to be considered for the blog calendar please email [kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov) or call 574-1109.

**Thursday, April 15:** Student Percussion Ensemble Concert, 6:30 PM, Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB), Richie Auditorium, Free, Public is invited This concert will feature the KSB Wildcat Percussion Ensemble (Brandon Grigsby, James Lewis, Damon Boards, Michael Davis, Annemarie Aqua, Jonathon Cord and ensemble instructor Bobby Falk.) The group will perform works by Ray Charles, War, Julia Ward Howe, Arthur De Lulu, Charlie Parker, Bobby Falk, Vince Guaraldi, Bill Withers, and more. For more information please contact 897-1583, ext. 233 and [paula.penrod@ksb.kyschools.us](mailto:paula.penrod@ksb.kyschools.us).

**Saturday, April 17:** Clifton Heights Greenway trail clearing and building is set for the first and third Saturday of each month. May 1, 15, June 5, 19: 9am to Noon. Plan to meet at the trail head at Lindsay Ave. and N. Birchwood Ave. Gloves, tools, loppers supplied. Wear sturdy shoes and long sleeves/pants. Bring your own water to drink. Call Kevin Downs at 502-777-5113 for more information or [kdd923@msn.com](mailto:kdd923@msn.com) to get on our volunteer email list.

**Sunday, April 18:** Antiques Appraisal Day at Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S Peterson Ave from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. \$10 per item or 3 items for \$25. All proceeds will benefit the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation. For more information call 593-2735.

**Monday, April 19:** Seneca Park Loop Multiuse Path Meeting scheduled at 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Avenue in Fellowship Hall. Please park in the main parking lot and not on residential streets. Questions please call 574-1109.

**Tuesday, April 20:** Press Conference regarding Champions Park with Mayor, Metro Parks and Councilwoman Tina Ward-Pugh at 10:30 am at the new dog run (next to old clubhouse). Updates on the progress of the park will be given as well as other improvements.

**Tuesday, April 20:** Heather Hills Subdivision Property Owners' Association 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Clifton Christian Church (at the end of N Hite, across from the Heather Hills Neighborhood) at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the church's basement on the right side of the building.

**Thursday, April 22:** Sustainability Luncheon from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at 21c Museum Hotel, 700 W Main Street. For more information and to register please visit, <http://www.seeuthere.com/xeroxapril22louisville> or call Robin Casey at 326-0883.

**Saturday, April 24:** Spring Yard Sale at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S Peterson Ave, from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Start the decade off by doing something green, and earn a little green yourself. The Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation is hosting a giant yard sale! Keep hundreds of items out of the waste stream and put them into the hands of people who can use them. Clean out those closets, basements and attics (books, furniture, toys, tools, pottery, kitchen utensils, bikes, whatever). Some folks even make arts and crafts to sell at their spaces. The past event had over 40 vendors. Rental fee for an approx. 12' x 12' space on the front and side lawn of the Peterson-Dumesnil House is just \$20. You will need to provide your own tables. To participate send \$20 (checks payable to the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation) no later than April 19<sup>th</sup>; include your name, address, e-mail and/or phone number. Late submissions will be charged \$25 if space is available. For more information go to <http://www.petersondumesnil.org/> or contact Cabrina Bosco at 897-6413 or [cabrinabosco@bellsouth.net](mailto:cabrinabosco@bellsouth.net).